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MR. JACKSON: My name is Terrence Jackson.

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20 I've lived in Las Vegas area for 48 years. I

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21 came here when I was a little boy. When I was a little

22 boy, I used to watch the nuclear tests. We'd get up on

23 the roof and watch the bombs go off. I guess I was

24 lucky in that the bombs, the radiation blew towards

25 Utah and the people in Utah are the ones who had to

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1 suffer for what we did there. I had an uncle that

2 worked at the test site, so I'm a very familiar with

3 what's gone on out there. My uncle died of cancer. I

4 think it is a very dangerous thing to have nuclear

5 waste in this state and I think all the studies have

6 shown that it's dangerous.

7 But what I think that is even worse than the

8 dangers is the process that we're seeing here today.

9 When you talk about a hearing, you talk about a process

10 where both sides are heard equally and when you talk

11 about a hearing, you usually talk about a chance to

12 present evidence and a chance to cross-examine evidence

13 to find out the biases of witnesses and most of the

14 witnesses that we've seen who have testified for the

15 nuclear waste dump, it's clear have a bias.

16 My job for the last 26 years has been to be

17 an attorney. I've practiced law for 26 years. Any

18 attorney would have a chance to cross-examine the

19 witnesses that testified here, would have been able to

20 bring out the bias of the witnesses that testified for

21 the nuclear dump here with ease. But the way the

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22 process was set up was brought up by a number of people
23 here. The way the process was set up here, people
24 alluded to the fact that they put this in an obscure
25 location, they put it on the far edge of town, they put
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1 it in a small building where numerous people couldn't
2 get in.

3 Numerous people wanted to make comments. I
4 came here early and was told when I got here that it
5 would be after midnight before I got to speak. I'd
6 like to speak in front of a lot of people and tell them
7 exactly what I thought of this, but I'm taking
8 advantage of this. I appreciate this opportunity to
9 speak to the Court Reporter. But I know this. I know
10 that people rarely read transcripts. Having been an
11 attorney for 26 years, transcripts are filed away and I
12 doubt this transcript will ever be read. It might be
13 read by some obscure functionary, but it has maybe
14 1/10th or 1/100th the impact as if I had an opportunity
15 to speak in the public hearing. That's what the First
16 Amendment is about.

17 And to give the opportunity to speak to these
18 people that come from other states, these people that
19 are paid lobbyists, getting money from the nuclear
20 industry to come in here and pack the hearing and put
21 their propaganda out was just the most viable excuse
22 for a public hearing I've ever seen. You could sense
23 the anger build in the audience as one paid flunky
24 after another got up before the group. It almost, it

25 got very close to a riot, but there were, most of the
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1 people, I think, were intelligent people who were not
2 the kind of people that are angry, hateful people, but
3 the kind of stuff they were hearing from the people
4 that wanted the nuclear waste here was the kind of
5 thing would anger people.

6 I was really angry at the process.
7 Fortunately, those people that have some power in
8 Nevada, all of Nevada's elected officials, Republican
9 and Democrats, appear to be united against the nuclear
10 dump. I hope they stick with that. I was proud of
11 Nevada elected officials. Even the ones that I
12 disagreed with politically spoke out strongly against
13 nuclear dump and I hope that they stick with that.

14 I urge all Nevada citizens to come out
15 against this and I think, as some people have
16 expressed, the arrogance of the DOE was absolutely
17 unmitigated today. Just from the moment that I got to
18 the stand out here to register, I could sense almost a
19 hostility from the DOE.

20 One thing that shocked me -- right outside
21 this door is a table for Nevada for Nuclear Waste,
22 right in this air conditioned building, right next to
23 where they're taking testimony is a table for the paid
24 lobbyists of the people passing out propaganda for the
25 nuclear waste lobby, where the people that oppose

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1 nuclear waste are out in the 100-degree heat outside.

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2 Now, if this is supposed to be a neutral space for a
3 hearing, to have, to invite these people in here to
4 give them a table inside this building, seems to
5 violate every type of principle of due process.

6 The whole hearing from the beginning was
7 basically, as was brought out in the rally before the
8 hearing, a kangaroo court. It was like a Prosecutor
9 does in front of a Grand Jury. He decides that he's
10 going to indict someone and he puts the evidence on
11 that he wants to put on. There is no attorney present.
12 There is no chance to confront or cross-examine
13 witnesses. There is no chance for a Defendant to bring
14 out evidence in his behalf.

15 And the people that want to speak here, the
16 people that want to present their side don't have a
17 chance to speak because they've been told, you can
18 speak at midnight, you can come back after midnight if
19 you want to speak. I'm here with my mother, who has
20 lived here for 48 years. She's 80 years of age. I
21 really don't want to wait until midnight or 1:00 in the
22 morning. I have to take my children to school in the
23 morning at 5:00 in the morning tomorrow. I have to get
24 up with them, so I don't want to stay until 1:00 in the
25 morning to speak.

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1 But I am angered that they allowed people
2 from out of state, paid propagandists when the nuclear
3 power energy to have so much time at this hearing.
4 This was clearly a show basically what they used to

5 have in the Soviet Union, show trial so that they could
6 put on their propaganda and they did not give the
7 people opposed an adequate time. Thank you.
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